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SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE BAN ON PETROLEUM EXPORTS TO GUAM AND TRUST
TERRITORIES

REF: MANILA 694 (NOTAL)

1. EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF
PHILIPPINE BAN ON EXPORTS OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS TO
GUAM AND TRUST TERRITORIES FROM MOBIL MANAGER WALES.
ALTHOUGH GOP ORDERED BAN ON ALL PETROLEUM PRODUCT
EXPORTS EARLY IN OIL CRISIS, MOBIL WAS ALLOWED
CONTINUE WITHOUT PUBLICITY EXPORT OF APPROX
1000 BBL/DAY ALMOST ENTIRELY TO TRUST TERRITORIES
WITH SOME RESIDUAL AMOUNTS TO GUAM.

2. PETROPHIL PRESIDENT VELASCO EARLY IN JANUARY
ORDERED MOBIL TO STOP EXPORTS DESPITE MOBIL ARGUMENT
THAT ADDITIONAL CRUDE WAS BEING BROUGHT INTO PHILIPPINES
TO COVER EXPORTS AND THIS CRUDE WOULD BE DIVERTED
ELSEWHERE (SINGAPORE) IF EXPORTS BANNED. FURTHERMORE,
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PHILIPPINES GAINED NET AMOUNT OF HEAVY PRODUCTS FROM

THIS CRUDE RUN SINCE ONLY LIGHT PRODUCTS WERE EXPORTED.
QUESTION OF INDIRECT EXPORT TO U.S. IN VIOLATION OF
ARAB GOVT BAN WAS ALSO RAISED, AND MOBIL POINTED OUT
THAT GUAM USA WAS COVERED BY ARAB BAN AND EXPORTS THERE
SHOULD STOP. HOWEVER, BAN DID NOT APPLY TO TRUST
TERRITORIES. DESPITE LENGTHY ARGUMENTS, PETROPHIL
INSISTED ON COMPLETE BAN EFFECTIVE JAN 11.

3. ACCORDING PHILIPPINE EXPORT STATISTICS, JAN-NOV
1973 SHIPMENTS OF JET FUEL TO GUAM WERE 554,226 LITERS
AND TO MICRONESIA 2 MILLION LITERS.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: MOBIL CONTENDS THAT LOSS OF
PHILIPPINE EXPORTS TO MICRONESIA WILL HAVE TO BE
*ADE UP*FROM GUAM. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF JET FUEL
SUPPLIES AT GUAM HAVE BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THIS
REQUIREMENT.
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